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WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS: DESTAN BERISHA. INTEREST CAS. INTEREST  
CONGRESSMAN CONTE.

1. EMBASSY HAS UNOFFICIALLY, THROUGH DEFENSE LAWYER, RECEIVED  
FULL TEXT OF INDICTMENT AGAINST BERISHA WHICH STATES THAT  
BERISHA TRAINED BY AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IN BARI,  
ITALY 1949 AND THAT ON BEHALF OF THAT AGENCY HE UNDERTOOK  
TO CREATE BASE ON YUGOSLAV TERRITORY WHOSE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE  
SEPARATION OF KOSMET FROM YUGOSLAVIA TO CREATE AN ETHNICAL

ALBANIA. ONE WITNESS WILL BE HAYREDIN VUCITRN, PRESENTLY SERVING  
PRISON SENTENCE, WHO ALLEGEDLY MEMBER OF BERISHA ESPIONAGE  
GROUP.

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2. TRIAL EXPECTED COMMENCE JANUARY 29 PRIZREN. CONSUL VON  
DEN STEINEN TO ATTEND IN NORMAL CONSULAR CAPACITY. CASE HAS AS  
YET NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED ANY LOCAL PUBLICITY BUT IN VIEW  
OTHER PREVIOUS PRESS STORIES HINTING AT CIA CONSPIRACIES,  
SOME COVERAGE PROBABLE. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED, CONSUL  
WILL MAKE NO STATEMENT REGARDING CHARGES. ELBRICK.

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